

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (cancelled)

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (cancelled)

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Claim 22 (cancelled)

Claim 23 (cancelled)

Claim 24 (cancelled)

Claim 25 (cancelled)

Claim 26 (cancelled)

Claim 27 (currently amended): An element according to claim 26, A cutting-nozzle element for severing or removing a biological structure when the cutting-nozzle element is fed with a fluid under pressure, comprising a hollow cutting-nozzle body having an axis, the hollow cutting-nozzle body receives a shut-off element which is movable within the hollow cutting-nozzle body in a reciprocating manner along the axis wherein the hollow cutting-nozzle body defines with the shut-off element an annular space, at least one nozzle extending radially with respect to the axis and communicating with the annular space, and further including means for reciprocating the shut-off element to provide a pulsed feed of fluid under pressure to the at least one radial nozzle.

Claim 28 (previously presented): An element according to claim 27, wherein the means for reciprocating comprises (1) a biasing means for moving the shut-off element in a first direction and (2) means for selectively moving the shut-off element in a second direction opposite the first direction for feeding fluid under pressure in a pulsed manner to the annular space.

Claim 29 (currently amended): An element according to claim 28, wherein the means for

selectively feeding comprises a variable gap formed between a surface of the shut off element and an inner wall of the cutting-nozzle element body.

Claim 30 (currently amended): An element according to claim 29, wherein the means for selectively moving the shut-off element in the second direction comprises a ~~third~~ motor means which receives fluid under pressure via the variable gap.

Claim 31 (currently amended): An element according to claim ~~26~~ 27, wherein the shut-off element has an internal passage for removing the fluid and biological structure.

Claim 32 (previously presented): An element according to claim 30, wherein the fluid motor means comprises a shoulder on the shut-off element which has a first surface which is acted on by the fluid under pressure.

Claim 33 (previously presented): An element according to claim 32, wherein the shoulder has a second surface which is acted on by the biasing means in opposition to the first surface.